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"A. A."—Thanks.

"A. J. G." (Sudbury).—Inquiries into private character are beyond our province. Even asking the question might injure the party named.

"Stone groins."—A subscriber asks for an account of the construction of stone groins "beginning with the common four-ribbed, with the means of setting out the same for workmen, and the jointing of the masonry." We shall be glad to receive communications on the subject.

"Wood Models to draw from."—A correspondent wishes to know if any person in London makes such, or of paper; plaster of Paris being so brittle.

"Sir in the School of Design."—Mr. J. Strudwick denies the statement that he has not been a student in the School for twelve months. We have not space for his letter.

"A Student," should have sent us a sketch: without it we cannot judge.

"X. Y. Z."—If the house be rebuilt under the provisions of the Building Act, our correspondent is not bound to provide a spout: if otherwise, we apprehend he cannot legally stop an ancient water-way without providing a substitute.

"W. G."—The height of a building, to settle the rate, is to be ascertained by measuring from the surface of the lowest floor in the building. Not knowing the rate of the addition about to be made, we cannot tell if the wall in question would be sufficient. Buildings or offices, whether attached to or detached from the buildings to which they belong, are to be deemed as buildings of the rate to which they would belong if they had been built separately. Schedule C, part VII.

"F. T. D."—We shall be glad to hear from him again.

"Duty on Bricks."—A correspondent asks whether a drawback is allowed on bricks made by a proprietor on his own estate for his own use. We believe there is not, excepting when used for drainage, when they must be marked "drain," and not used for any other purpose under heavy penalty.

"A New Subscriber."—The Independent Chapel at Holloway is mentioned in p. 142 and p. 166, ante. St. Peter's Church, Islington, has not been spoken of in this Builder.

"W. J. W."—The race shall be engraved.

"Kite's System of Ventilation," "N," and

"B. B." next week.

"Received."—"Friend to the Builder," (Wisbeach). "Plan of Buildings for Working Classes; J. Boulton, Architect." "Dolman's Magazine" No. VI. (commencing a new Volume); "Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society, No. III." (Longman); "Old England, Part XX." (Knight); "Pictorial Gallery of Arts, Part VII." (Knight); "Medical Times" for July; "A Peep into Architecture," by Eliza Chalk (Bell, Fleet-street). "An Old Subscriber."

ERRATUM.—The quotation by Mr. Angell in his paper read at Institute of Architects, reported at p. 351, ante, was from Empedocles (the Agrigentine philosopher) and not from Pericles, as stated.

Correspondents who threaten to cease to be subscribers because we differ in opinion from them or refuse to insert communications which would really injure them in public opinion, must think meanly of us if they consider the threat likely to alter our course of proceeding. Our duty is to give sound information and honest opinions, and we will perform this to the extent of our ability without respect to persons.

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